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O Almighty God, our heavenly Father; we thine unworthy servants call upon thy Holy Name. In the quiet of this morning hour we are aware of thine abiding presence: in the issue of new life all about us we are aware of thy handiwork; we know thy power in the power of the storm; we know thy wisdom in the intricate perfection of all of creation; we know thy love in the joy of human love. Grant us, our Father, the breadth and depth of faith to be aware of thee in all of life, give us ears to hear thy still small voice of calm amidst life's many noises.

Our Father, on this day, we give thee special thanks for Families: For thy divine wisdom which has given us the joy and security of living, not alone, but in binding relationship with one another. We thank thee O Lord, for mothers, everywhere, for the love and sacrificial devotion they have given in rearing their children.

We thank thee our Father, for the miracle of birth, for the good gift of life thou hast given to all thy children. We thank thee O, Lord, for our nation, for Freedom to worship, - for our community, for neighbors & Friends.

We thank thee for thy Holy Church, in all its different Forms & denominations. - We pray, O Lord, for our denomination, as our representatives convene this week in the Gen. Assem. may that gathering be blessed with thy Holy Spirit; may thy church speak and act boldly - as our savior Jesus Christ did.

O Lord of mercy we pray for men less fortunate than we: - hungry, cold, downtrodden, oppressed. Give courage to those who are denied their dignity & freedom, in this nation and in other nations. Give steadfastness to those who must live behind the wall of political tyranny.

Be with those of our own number who are ill: give thy healing comfort to those of our number who grieve. Give us all the renewing grace of thy Holy Spirit: that we may live in Faith, and hope and love.

All this we pray in the name of our Lord Jes Ch. - to whom with thee & the H.S. be all glory and all prais
Amen.